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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 225/50754

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR A VEHICLE WITH ATTACHED  
FITTING AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 25 claims (pages 1-17, plus specification front page).
2. 5 Sheets of X Formal    Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-9.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted**).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document DE 10101339.6, filed in Germany on January 13, 2001.
5. X Information Disclosure Statement w/1 reference.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee						\$370/740	=	\$740.00
Total Claims	<u>25</u>	-	20	=	<u>5</u>	x	\$9/18	= \$ 90.00
Independent Claims	<u>3</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$42/84	= \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee								<u>\$830.00</u>

**The filing fee is being deferred.**



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